

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SQUASH FOR 2016 DAY**

**23 MAY 2009**

#### **NATIONAL LEVEL CELEBRATION**

The celebration on 23 May 2009 starts at 7.45 am. A motorcade of 16 cars would take off from the Royal Lake Club, where SRAM was formed and squash took root in Malaysia. YAM Tan Sri Tunku Imran, the Patron of World Squash Federation; YBhg Dato' A. Sani Karim, President of Asian Squash Federation and Squash Racquets association of Malaysia and YBhg Dato' Syed Mustaffa Syed Ali, Deputy President of SRAM would be among the participants in the motorcade.

Each car in the motorcade would carry flags of Malaysia, States in Malaysia and 'Squash For 2016'. The motorcade would make its way through Kuala Lumpur, to wave Squash For 2016 Day banners in front of iconic buildings such as the Parliament House, National Museum, Sultan Samad Building, KL Tower and the Petronas Twin Towers. The motorcade would end at the National Squash Centre at Bukit Jalil, where the rest of the day's activities would continue.

The activities at the National Squash Centre would start with participants registering at 9.30 am and the events would start upon the arrival of the motorcade. The events are squash related fun filled activities and some of them are as follows –

- a. Play a Pro - Fans to play against the national PSA and WISPA registered players
- b. Veterans Vs Juniors - Veterans above 45 years to take on juniors below 15 years old
- c. Battle of the Sexes - Men to take on the National women players
- d. Muhibbah Doubles - All double pairs to be of mixed races
- e. 1 Malaysia Team Event - All teams to be of mixed races
- f. Challenge your Skills (adults) - Ability to consistently repeat basic squash skills
- g. Challenge your Skill (children) - Ability to hit consistently at targets
- h. Fun Games - Fun games involving teams made up of children and adults
- i. Coaching Clinic - For complete beginners

Celebrities ( TV personalities) would be on hand to both encourage participants to take part and would themselves be involved in some of the activities. Similarly, sports personalities from other Olympic sports would show their support for squash to be in the Olympics.

The day will end with presentation of prizes and light snacks for all participants.